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Attention: Jermaine R. Hannon

Attention: Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Hannon and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) transmits for your review and approval Amendment No. 7 to the Rural Non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) portion of the California 2013 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration approve this amendment for inclusion into California's 2013 FSTIP.

Amendment No. 7 modifies two previously programmed individually listed projects and one grouped project listing, deletes three projects, and adds three new individually listed projects, as described in **Attachment 1, Summary of Changes**. The programming changes to the State and Local elements include:

- Proj #1: Stanislaus Ave Traffic Signal Installation Project (230-0000-0369) – Deletes this project from the 2013 FSTIP due to change in Calaveras County's priority of projects. Funds will be reprogrammed to higher priority projects.
- Proj #2: SR-299/SR-139 Canby Highway Advisory Radio (130-0000-1930) – Deletes this project from FSTIP per State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment 12S-012A. Project is no longer a regional priority.
- Proj #3: Blosser Lane Elementary School Enhancement (130-0000-2152) – Deletes this project from the FSTIP per STIP Amendment 12S-027. Funds will be reprogrammed to other higher priority projects.
- Proj #4: Murphy's Grade Road Traffic Flow and Sidewalk Improvement (230-0000-0368) – Increases funding by adding Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement funds. Total project increase to \$317,000.

- Proj #5: Realignment and Widening of Patrick Creek (130-0000-1808) – Moves High Priority Project Demonstration (Demo) funds from Prior Year to Fiscal Year 12/13, to Preliminary Engineering and Construction phases.
- Proj #6: Grouped Project for Planning and Technical Studies (230-0000-0376) – Adds two new projects to the detailed backup listing. Total programmed increases to \$10,000,000.
- Proj #7: BR #32C0003, Wards Ferry Rd over Deer Creek (230-0000-0392) – Add this new Highway Bridge Program (HBP) consistent with Caltrans HBP 3/26/2013 listing update. Total project is \$2,000,760.
- Proj #8: BR #00L0051, Singletree Drive over Little Johns Creek (230-0000-0393) – Add this new HBP project consistent with Caltrans HBP 3/26/2013 listing update. Total project is \$4,977,500.
- Proj #9: BR #30C0065, Roller Bypass Road over Angels Creek (230-0000-0394) – Add this HBP project consistent with Caltrans HBP 3/26/2013 listing update. Total project is \$2,477,500.

This amendment was made available for public review and comment for fourteen (14) days which began on April 18, 2013 and concluded on May 2, 2013. We received one comment on Proj #5: Realignment and Widening of Patrick Creek, to change the funding of the Demo funds from Right of Way to Preliminary Engineering. This correction has been incorporated as part of this amendment package. In addition, there are no projects in this amendment that are included in any other amendment that is currently open for public review.

Projects in this amendment with funding beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP are included for information only. These projects are included and submitted by Caltrans through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). In addition to being available in CTIPS, programming pages for each project are also enclosed for your ready reference.

The financial impact of this amendment is compatible with the anticipated revenues in the 2013 FSTIP Financial Plan and remains financially constrained as demonstrated in ***Attachment 2, Financial Summary Tables***.

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Based upon correspondence from FHWA dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

If you have any questions, please contact to Lilibeth Green of my staff, at (916) 654-3521, Email: Lilibeth_Green@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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